

Decision No. 36361

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )	
L. C. ROBERTSON, doing business under )	
the fictitious firm name and style )	
ROBERTSON'S TRANSIT COMPANY, for an )	Application No. 25461
order to discontinue and abandon )	
automotive passenger service. )	

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O P I N I O N

L. C. Robertson, doing business under the fictitious name of Robertson's Transit Company, was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the transportation of passengers between a terminal point at the intersection of Western Avenue and Manchester Avenue, in the city of Los Angeles, and Gate No. 4 of California Shipbuilding Company on Terminal Island and intermediate points.<sup>(1)</sup>

The service was intended to meet the need for transportation of workers at the shipbuilding plant in the Harbor area, traveling between their homes and the shipyard. These employees, for the most part, reside in the cities of Los Angeles and Inglewood, and had been theretofore using their private automobiles.

Pursuant to the authority granted in said decision applicant commenced operation of the service on September 1, 1942, and has continually operated since that date. He now makes application for permission to abandon said service on the ground

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(1) Decision No. 35564, dated July 7, 1942, in Application No. 24987.

that the operation has not at any time since its inauguration yielded sufficient revenue to pay actual out-of-pocket operating cost of providing the service.

The application recites:

"That applicant feels that he has given said operation a thorough test as to the necessity and need for said service, and now after three and a half months he is of the opinion and respectfully represents that he is not warranted in further continuing said service; that said service has been at all times and now is being conducted at an operating loss."

Applicant has filed statements of operating data from which it appears that he has sustained a net loss of \$358.67 for December 1942; \$74.91 for January 1943; and \$88.11 for February 1943. His revenue from fares dropped from \$1700.12 in January to \$1546.28 in February. A record of the number of passengers carried this year shows a falling off since January. This is the only public passenger service conducted by this applicant at the present time.

In view of these circumstances there appears no reason why applicant should not be relieved of his responsibility under the certificate heretofore granted. It appears that the service has been in operation approximately eight months during all of which time it has shown an operating loss, with no apparent prospect in view of sufficient patronage to justify its continuance on a remunerative basis.

There appears no necessity for a public hearing and the application will be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That L. C. Robertson is hereby authorized to discontinue and abandon passenger stage corporation service between a terminal at the intersection of Western Avenue and Manchester Avenue, in the city of Los Angeles, and Gate No. 4 of California Shipbuilding Company on Terminal Island and intermediate points authorized by Decision No. 35564.

(2) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity heretofore granted to L. C. Robertson in Decision No. 35564, in Application No. 24987, is hereby revoked and annulled, and all tariffs and time schedules, filed with the Commission in the name of L. C. Robertson, and now in effect, are hereby cancelled.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1943.

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COMMISSIONERS